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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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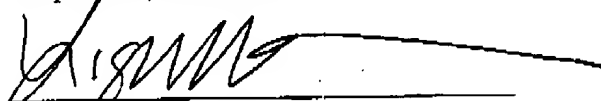
This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2001. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group III, claims 21-24.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 22, 2002

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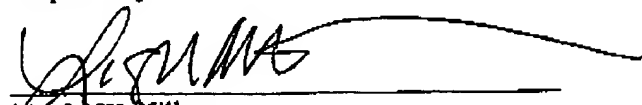
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In regard to the above identified application,

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